



MAIL STOP RESPONSE
Attorney Docket No. 26653U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NORDHEIM, et al.

Serial No: 10/527,055 Examiner: EPPERSON, Jon D.

Filed: May 18, 2005 Art Unit: 1639

For: **METHOD FOR DETECTING BIOMOLECULES**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 12, 2007, which has a shortened statutory period for response which expired on January 12, 2008. Accordingly, a three month extension of time is attached hereto, thereby extending the period for response until April 12, 2008, which fell on Saturday. Therefore, this response is being filed the next business day. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and proceed with examination of all claims on the merits.

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